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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Technical Intelligence Division  
SUBJECT: Probable Camera Malfunction on Mission 3498

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1. Image degradation is encountered on every frame throughout Mission 3498. It is most serious adjacent to the leading (clock) edge of the film, improving toward the trailing edge, but never achieving optimum system quality. Indications are that a partial vacuum loss occurred allowing the film to pull away from the focal plane. Ground haze and underexposure also contributed to image degradation, causing considerable difficulty in photo interpretation.

2. It is recommended that the unit operating this camera check the vacuum source and the platten to determine the cause of this out-of-focus condition.

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Chief, TID/TSB

Distribution:

Orig + 1 - Addressee  
1 - Aast for Ops  
1 - Series 3400  
1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - Chrono

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